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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY FOR UNESCO PIT
POSITION (PART-TIME) 40-305

REF: PARIS 03238

1. DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SECURITY: REFTEL EXPLAINS
(A) THAT USDEL/UNESCO INTENDS HIRE MISS CAROL RUTHANN
GEDEON AS SECRETARY FOR UNESCO PIT POSITION
(PART-TIME) 40-305, (B) APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN
SENT TO DEPARTMENT AND (C) SECURITY CLEARANCE HAS BEEN
REQUESTED. HOWEVER, IT WILL REQUIRE SEVERAL WEEKS
BEFORE DEPARTMENT HAS TIME TO COMPLETE CLEARANCE. FOR
REASONS CITED BELOW, USDEL WISHES TO INQUIRE WHETHER
IT WITHIN BOUNDS OF AUTHORITY INVESTED IN THE
DIRECTOR TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE SECURITY CLEARANCE TO
PERMIT DELEGATION TO IMMEDIATELY HIRE MISS GEDEON.

2. DESPITE MAJOR EFFORT BY USDEL AND AMEMBASSY PARIS
TO FIND CANDIDATE FOR THIS POSITION, IT HAS REMAINED
VACANT 14 MONTHS. POSITION IS AT FSS-9 LEVEL, WHICH
SIGNIFICANTLY LOWER PAYING THAN UNESCO SECRETARIAT AND
OECD. TO CITE MOST RECENT EXAMPLE OF SEVERAL CANDID-
ATES WHO,
USDEL HAS LOST, BECAUSE OF TIME REQUIRED TO OBTAIN U.S.
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CLEARANCE AND HIGHER, LOCAL SALARY, MISS DORIS ELAINE

THIBODEAUX (REFTEL), WAS GRANTED UNESCO SUPERNUMERY CONTRACT AND EARNS MORE WORKING HALF DAYS AT UNESCO THAN SHE WOULD IN SEVEN AND ONE HALF HOURS PER DAY AT PERMDEL. MOREOVER, IT'S TAX FREE.

3. OUR NEW CANDIDATE, ON WHOM APPLICATION FORMS HAVE BEEN SENT TO DEPARTMENT COMPLETED WORK AT JAPANESE PERMANENT DELEGATION TO UNESCO ON FEBRUARY 16, 1976. SHE HAS EXCELLENT SECRETARIAL SKILLS, BUT INADEQUATE MONEY TO HOLD OUT FOR SEVERAL WEEKS UNTIL U.S. CLEARANCE RECEIVED. THERE ARE NO OTHER POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE CHOICES FOR THIS POST.

4. USDEL PREPARED GUARANTEE MISS GEDEON WILL HAVE NO REPEAT NO ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED MATERIAL. MOREOVER, EMBASSY RSO IS WILLING VERIFY FOR DEPARTMENT WORKING CONDITIONS IN WHICH SHE WILL BE ENGAGED.

5. REQUEST PRIORITY REPLY.

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